

Minutes

ETHNIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2006

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Cannon Health Building

Room 114

	Committee	UDOH Liaisons	Committee Staff	Guests
Members	Aida Santos Mattingley Betty Sawyer Dena Ned Doriena Lee Ellen Selu Heru Hendarto Jesse Soriano K. Kumar Shah Kyum Koo Chon Leanna Vankeuren Luz Robles Robert Kagabo Sabrina Morales Sam Folau Shawn M. Jimerson Suri Suddhiphayak Sylvia Garcia Rickard	Patti Fuhriman Elizabeth Heath Melanie Preece Nasrin Zandkarimi Melissa Zito Kathryn Rowley	George Delavan Owen Quiñonez April Bennett Dulce Diez Matt Montoya Janae Duncan	
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Attendees:	Betty Sawyer Dena Ned Jesse Soriano K. Kumar Shah Luz Robles Robert Kagabo Sam Folau Shawn M. Jimerson Sylvia Garcia Rickard	Patti Fuhriman Melanie Preece Nasrin Zandkarimi Kathryn Rowley	George Delavan Owen Quiñonez Dulce Diez Matt Montoya Janae Duncan	Judi Hilman, UT Health Policy Project/MHN Rebecca Jorgenson, UDOH Asthma Program Libbey Chuy, UDOH Asthma Program Candy Amerine, UCAN Disparities Work Group

Agenda topics

1.	Call to order, welcome, introduction	Sylvia Rickard
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Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Sylvia Rickard who welcomed and introduced everyone.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

None

None

2.	Review / approval of September 11, 2006 minutes	Sylvia Rickard
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Discussion:

Changes: Nasrin asked to change pg. 3 regarding her presentation

Motion: Kumar motioned to accept minutes with change to page 3 Dena seconded

Conclusions: Motion passed

Action items:

Make changes to September 11, 2006 minutes brought before committee

Person responsible:

Matt Montoya

Deadline:

2 wks
before next
meeting

3.	Asthma Program	Rebecca Jorgensen Libby Chuy
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Discussion:

The Asthma program presented with the intention of educating EHAC on Asthma and exploring opportunities for collaboration.

Sam asked how do you get asthma? Rebecca responded that it is a combination between genetic and environmental factors. Cannot distinguish between those caused by genetics/environment. However there is a higher prevalence in lower economic/urban areas.

UDOH Asthma program works with the Utah Asthma Task Force. The UATF Action Groups are: Health Systems; Asthma Management; Risk Factors; Data & Monitoring; Population-based Intervention. Contact Asthma Program for more information.

January 11, 2006 next Asthma Task Force committee.

Kyum offered support to translate brochures into Korean.

Luz asked how does the general public know about the legislation 2004 to allow kids to carry their inhalers in school. Luz offered support to get word out.

Asthma Task Force is welcome to new individuals/members:

There are minigrants available throught the Asthma program. Next applications for mini-grants will be due in August 2007.

Environmental grant is due soon: 538-6441 to contact Libby

Conclusions:		
Recommendation:		
Action items: Get info out on how to get involved on Task Force/get on listserv/apply for mini-grants.	Person responsible: Matt Montoya	Deadline: ASAP
Get link to the Utah Asthma State Plan and Asma en Espanol website(January 2007) and send to EHAC.	Matt Montoya	January 2007
Send suggestions on what can be done to outreach to the racial/ethnic communities within these action groups to cmh@utah.gov	EHAC members	ASAP
4. Legislative Session Sylvia Rickard Judi Hilman		
Discussion: : “The 10-minute Advocate: Tools for Health advocacy”: See attachment Announced Civic Engagement Jam session Dec. 8. Newly elected leaders via e-mail. Health Matters newsletters out of the UHPP/ alert list. Send out link to legislature finder. Not impossible to get legislation passed late in the game. Wed. noon Olmsted Room; 1:00 medicaid Policy partnership. Sylvia gave some pointers: 1. Dress Appropriately 2. Know your issue 3. 1-page issue summary 4. Be grateful about time (10 minutes at most).		
Conclusions: Created a legislative advocacy sub-committee		
Action items: Send power point presentation with minutes	Person responsible: Matt Montoya	Deadline: Before next meeting
Send link to legislature finder	Matt Montoya	Before legislative session begins
Send list of newly elected leaders	Matt Montoya	Before legislative session begins
7. UDOH/CMH updates George Delavan Owen Quiñonez		
Discussion: UDOH- Dr. Delavan gave UDOH update: Medicaid Interim Committee—looking at ways to reducing costs in DOH/HS for Medicaid; whether or not to combine eligibility workers in DOH/WFS; WFS look at MC/PCN as well as welfare, food stamps etc. Looking at how funding can be saved in the following areas: medications costs; more use for aging waivers—able to provide services in the home versus going to institution which is cheaper; mental health services. Committee will make preliminary report Nov. 14/15 to HHS. UDOH budget process—various units put in requests to EDO; Dr. Sundwall		

moved forward to governor's office and both talked about priorities; Gov's office now constructing recommended for budget which will come out mid Dec.; this will be available to public and legislature then start into budget deliberations in January. Look forward to what's in the recommendations as per Medicaid; Gov's initiative for uninsured.

Jesse asked about undocumented persons are receiving Medicaid and other services—do we have a profile on who gets Medicaid. George replied yes, immigration status must be documented. Undocumented can receive emergency Medicaid coverage i.e. newborn delivery.

Luz asked if race/ethnicity is asked as an optional question. Patti stated she will follow-up on this.

CMH Update:

- Hired Janae Duncan as new Translation/Interpretation Specialist for CMH. She was chosen out of 40 applicants. She comes to us from the Asthma program and before that the Tobacco program. She has had experience working on ethnic/racial minority health issues in both programs. Began on Nov. 6. Her primary duties will be to develop protocol and standards for translation/interpretation at the UDOH. Her phone number is 538-9453.
- CMH staff have participated in 3 major conferences.
 - Health Disparities Conference in Denver for Region 8 of the Office of Minority Health. Sponsored by the Office of Minority Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Office of Health Disparities.
 - Healthy People 2010 conference in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the NPHS. 2 people from Region 8 were chosen: Owen & representative from Colorado Office of Health Disparities.
 - Cross Cultural Health Care Program Train the Trainers conference in Seattle, WA. Week long training. Dulce and Owen attended.
- The MHN grant was awarded to Comunidades Unidas and the Utah Health Policy Project for 2006/2007.
- CMH applied for the State Innovation Award for Improving Health Care for Racially and Ethnically Diverse Populations \$10,000 grant. Would be used to expand our Medicare program to Medicaid. Staff of CMH will visit Medicaid provider clinics and assist healthcare providers, administrators and other staff to assess their compliance with the Office of Minority Health National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS). After the initial assessment, physicians and office staff will participate in a national training program. This online training can be completed at home or office anytime and offers free Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit and nursing Continuing Education Units (CEU).
- CMH will meet with OPSCOM to promote trainings for new employees on cultural competence through website.
- CMH staff/volunteers tabled at 4 health fairs:
 - Sixth Annual Health Fair for the Community in Utah sponsored by the Mexican Consulate, Institute for Mexicans Abroad and part of the Semana Bi-nacional de Salud. October 7.
 - Midvale Annual Health Fair Oct. 14
 - 8th Annual Indian Walk-In Center Health Fair. Oct. 21
 - Saturday with the Mayor Breast Cancer Awareness Event. Oct. 21, Salt Lake City.
- Collaborating with Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program to open up an internship to BYU/UofU MPH/MHE/MHP students to research literature on the most effective methods of outreach i.e. health fairs, health clinics, health ad campaigns etc.
- Pandemic Flu Brochure: only available in electronic form because there is no budget allocated for printing. Any LHD/agency can request pdf with their logo on it and must pay for own printing. URL is www.pandemicflu.utah.gov/docs/PanFluBrochure.pdf
 - Available in Spanish, Serbo-Croatian, French, German, Russian, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese.

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Conclusions: Patti Fuhirman followed-up as per Luz' question with the following: Applicants are asked to self declare both race and ethnicity which are then recorded on the ETRC in the PACMIS Eligibility system.		
Action items: None	Person responsible:	Deadline:
8. Sub-committees Matt Montoya		
Discussion: Kyum made motion to create translation/interpretation sub-committee, Betty seconded. Motion passed. Robert made motion to create Community Outreach Subcommittee Kumar seconded. Motion passed		
Conclusions: Two new EHAC Sub-committees were created.		
Action items: Send-out e-mail to solicit membership for the new sub-committees	Person responsible: Matt Montoya	Deadline: 2 weeks before next meeting
9. Announcements All		
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ March of Dimes Teddy Bear Den ➤ Medicare open enrollment Nov. 15-Dec. 31 ➤ PCN open enrollment Nov. 1-30, 2006 ➤ Utah's Premium Partnership (UPP) Program UDOH news/announcements handout given. Please see website http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/news/Connection/UDOH/Dec2006.pdf Please send feed-back on news/announcements to cmh@utah.gov		

Jesse will take over Health issues in Ethnic Affairs.; Owen announced Matt working as Community Outreach; Candi National Cancer Committee—extended and invitation to work with health disparities January meeting. The Indian Walk-In Center will be holding its 17th Annual Native American Holiday Arts Market Dec. 2/3 at the IWIC

Conclusions: None

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

6. ACS Walk/Run Sylvia Rickard

Conclusions:

October 14, 2006 walk was a success

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

10. Adjourn and next meeting Sylvia Rickard

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Conclusions: Next meeting January 8, 2006

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Send out agenda	Matt Montoya	2 weeks prior to next meeting